

California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board
Open Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015, Board Meeting

The California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (Board) convened its meeting in open session at the call of Marybel Batjer, Secretary, California Government Operations Agency, at 400 R Street, Sacramento, California, on Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 10:05 a.m. Also present was member Richard Chivaro, Deputy State Controller and Chief Counsel, acting for and in the absence of Betty T. Yee, Controller. Member Michael Ramos, San Bernardino County District Attorney, was absent.

Executive Officer Julie Nauman and Chief Counsel Wayne Strumpfer were in attendance. Tisha Heard, Board Liaison, recorded the meeting.

The Board meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1. Approval of Minutes of the October 15, 2015, Board Meeting

The Board approved the minutes of the October 15, 2015, meeting.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes of the September 17, 2015, Board Meeting

The Board approved the minutes of the September 17, 2015, meeting.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes of the August 20, 2015, Board Meeting

The Board continued the minutes of the August 20, 2015, meeting.

Item 4. Public Comment

The Board opened the meeting for public comment. Public comment was provided by James Quilici. Mr. Quilici explained that he filed a CalVCP claim as a result of being assaulted by his brother and he filed a government claim because he was falsely arrested twice. He commented that he filed his government claim a little late.

Mr. Quilici commented that in April 2014 while living with his brother, he was assaulted by him. He moved out of his brother's house after the assault. He commented that the police did not do anything about the assault. Because the CHP falsely arrested him twice, he had to move back into his brother's house and was assaulted again. He moved out of his brother's home on Christmas Eve because he knew his brother would be drinking alcohol and using drugs.

He commented that he did not have any money and lived in his car which is on the repossession list. He asked the Board to give him money. He commented that he spoke with CalVCP Customer Service staff on numerous occasions who informed him that CalVCP could not provide him income loss because he was not employed at the time of the crime. Mr. Quilici requested reimbursement for his hotel expenses.

Wayne Strumpfer, VCGCB Chief Counsel, explained that Mr. Quilici's government claim was denied on its merits as well as because it was late. He explained that Mr. Quilici could take his case to superior court if he wished. He further explained that Mr. Quilici could not be paid for income loss because he was not working at the time of the crime.

Chairperson Batjer explained that the VCGCB was not the proper department to access the services Mr. Quilici needed. She explained that there were services available at the county and state level. Chairperson Batjer recommended that Mr. Quilici contact the Department of Social Services. She informed him that CalVCP staff would provide him with the telephone number to that department.

Mr. Quilici asked the Board if they could move funds around to help him with his expenses.

Chairperson Batjer explained that the Board did not have authority to move funds around. She reiterated that the Department of Social Services had the ability and the programs to assist Mr. Quilici.

Item 5. Executive Officer Statement

CalVCP Strategic Plan

Executive Officer Nauman reported that CalVCP was continuing its work on their Strategic Plan. Ms. Nauman explained that staff were involved in planning CalVCP's future. New goals are being crafted and an action plan would be created to take CalVCP through the next several years. Executive Officer Nauman reported the Strategic Plan is expected to be adopted by the end of the year and would be shared with the Board.

Chairperson Batjer asked whether it would be a three or five-year plan.

Executive Officer Nauman explained that it would be a three-year plan; thereafter, it would be refreshed.

Our Promise: California State Employees Giving at Work

Executive Officer Nauman reported that CalVCP had a very successful cake auction and gift basket auction. CalVCP raised over \$2,100 for the Campaign from the successful events.

Item 6. Contract Report

Executive Officer Nauman reported that the CalVCP is seeking to secure application development and architecture services to complete the final phase of the CaRES Modification Project. This includes development, implementation, maintenance and operations transition, knowledge transfer, and documentation activities. The estimated amount of the contract is not to exceed \$990,000 for a one-year term. Ms. Nauman reported the contents of the work is already underway. Interviews were completed on November 18, 2015, and the verification process was underway.

Because the successful bid would be determined prior to the December Board meeting, Executive Officer Nauman requested the Board delegate to her the authority to award the CaRES Application Development and Architecture contract to the successful bidder. Ms. Nauman stated she would report the successful bidder at the December 10, 2015, Board meeting.

Item 7. Consent Agenda (Nos. 1-305)

Nicholas Wagner, Government Claims Program Manager, requested the Board approve the consent agenda, with the exception of item number 103, which was removed pending review of additional information received.

The Board approved consent agenda numbers 1-305, with the exception of the item number 103.

Item 8. Applications for Discharge From Accountability for Collection

There were no applications for discharge from accountability for collection.

Victim Compensation Program

The Board commenced the Victim Compensation Program portion of the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3) and (e)(1), the Board adjourned into Closed Session with the Board's Executive Officer and Chief Counsel at 10:27 a.m. to discuss pending litigation and deliberate on proposed decision numbers 1-63.

Open Session

The Board reconvened into Open Session pursuant to Government Code section 11126 (c)(3) and (e)(1) at 10:33 a.m. The Board adopted the hearing officer's recommendations for proposed decision numbers 1-63.

Adjournment

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.